

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
MASON COUNTY
SHERIFF**

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2008**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE MASON COUNTY SHERIFF

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2008**

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Mason County Sheriff's audit for the year ended December 31, 2008. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

Financial Condition:

Excess fees decreased by \$19,173 from the prior year, resulting in excess fees of \$49,068 as of December 31, 2008. Revenues increased by \$52,729 from the prior year and expenditures increased by \$71,902.

Deposits:

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities.

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The Honorable James Gallenstein, Mason County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Patrick Boggs, Mason County Sheriff
Members of the Mason County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the Sheriff of Mason County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2008. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2008, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 28, 2009 on our consideration of the Mason County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



The Honorable James Gallenstein, Mason County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Patrick Boggs, Mason County Sheriff
Members of the Mason County Fiscal Court

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Sheriff and Fiscal Court of Mason County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

July 28, 2009

MASON COUNTY
 PATRICK BOGGS, SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2008

Revenues

Federal Grants		\$	22,202
State - Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund			39,540
State Fees For Services:			
Finance and Administration Cabinet			22,702
Circuit Court Clerk:			
Sheriff Security Service			23,619
County Clerk - Delinquent Taxes			944
Commission On Taxes Collected			421,652
Other Fees On Taxes Collected			34,246
Fees Collected For Services:			
Accident and Police Reports	\$	607	
Auto Inspections		10,660	
Serving Papers		39,289	
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits		<u>1,950</u>	52,506
Other:			
Fiscal Court Process Fee		9,460	
Mental Health Transfers		2,727	
Miscellaneous		<u>17,609</u>	29,796
Interest Earned			1,619
Borrowed Money:			
State Advancement			<u>249,387</u>
Total Revenues			898,213

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

MASON COUNTY
 PATRICK BOGGS, SHERIFF
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2008
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Expenditures

Operating Expenditures and Capital Outlay:

Personnel Services-

Deputies' Salaries	\$ 305,586
Part-Time Salaries	24,575
Other Salaries	45,894
Overtime	17,477
KLEFPF	29,966

Employee Benefits-

Employer's Share Hazardous Duty Retirement	9,582
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Contracted Services-

Advertising	3,053
Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs	4,174
Fiscal Court Process Fee	9,460

Materials and Supplies-

Office Materials and Supplies	5,363
Uniforms	3,633
Law Enforcement Equipment	25,756

Other Charges-

Conventions and Travel	3,968
Dues	730
Postage	3,251
Bond	3,674
Communications	4,216
Execution Payments	2,609
Jury Meals	540
Return Fugitives	501
Tax Printing Charge	1,097
Tax Software	11,559
Miscellaneous	7,788

Capital Outlay-

Office Equipment	4,810
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Debt Service:

State Advancement	<u>249,387</u>
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Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 778,649</u>
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 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2008
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Net Revenues		\$ 119,564	
Less: Statutory Maximum		<u>70,496</u>	
Excess Fees Due County for 2008			49,068
Payments to Fiscal Court - February 6, 2009	\$ 44,125		
February 20, 2009	939		
March 10, 2009	<u>4,004</u>	<u>49,068</u>	
Balance Due Fiscal Court at Completion of Audit		<u>\$ 0</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

MASON COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2008

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of revenues over expenditures to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount, including excess fees, due from the Sheriff as determined by the audit. KRS 134.310 requires the Sheriff to settle excess fees with the fiscal court at the time he files his final settlement with the fiscal court.

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this regulatory basis of accounting revenues and expenditures are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive) at December 31 that may be included in the excess fees calculation:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2008 services
- Reimbursements for 2008 activities
- Tax commissions due from December tax collections
- Payments due other governmental entities for payroll
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided in 2008

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan that covers all eligible full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members.

Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 16.17 percent for the first six months and 13.50 percent for the last six months of the year. Hazardous covered employees are required to contribute 8 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for hazardous employees was 33.87 percent for the first six months and 29.50 percent for the last six months of the year.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Aspects of benefits for hazardous employees include retirement after 20 years of service or age 55.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

Note 3. Deposits

The Mason County Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the Sheriff's deposits may not be returned. The Mason County Sheriff does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of December 31, 2008, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2008
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Note 4. Project Lifesaver Account

The Mason County Sheriff maintains a Project Lifesaver Account. This is a rescue program for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders who may wander and become lost. On January 1, 2008, there was a balance of \$724. During 2008, the Sheriff received donations of \$150 and had no expenditures. The balance as of December 31, 2008 was \$874.

Note 5. Forfeiture Account

The Mason County Sheriff maintains an account for the purpose of receiving assets forfeited to the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a result of legal proceedings. On January 1, 2008, there was a balance of \$134. During 2008, the Sheriff received \$19,998 in forfeited funds and expended \$5,279, leaving a balance of \$14,853 as of December 31, 2008.

Note 6. Federal Grant

The Mason County Sheriff's office was awarded a Highway Safety grant in 2008. During 2008, the Sheriff received \$22,202 as reimbursement on grant expenditures.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the Mason County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated July 28, 2009. The Sheriff's financial statement is prepared in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Mason County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statement that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statement will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
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Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Mason County Sheriff's financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2008, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Mason County Fiscal Court, and the Department for Local Government and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Auditor of Public Accounts

July 28, 2009

